

62 Kennington road S. E. London

22nd May 1869.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of your kind note containing the gratifying intelligence that you have raised a sum of one thousand dollars for the George Thompson Testimonial Fund.. You ask for information concerning the Committee which has been organised in this country.. I cannot do better than enclose one of the Circulars which we have issued. From this you will perceive that W. Bright is the Chairman, and that some of the best men in England are taking part in the movement.. I may also explain that although, for obvious reasons, my name does not appear very prominently, a considerable amount of the labour has devolved upon me..

I am of opinion that there should not be two distinct funds, but that what you raise in the United States should be included in the English trust.. The money will be invested for Mr. Thompson's benefit..

There is a strong feeling in favour of
putting a portion of it in United States
securities which yield a good interest. If
this be done I should imagine the best
course would be for you to invest the
amount you may obtain in five twenties
and transmit a bond to us that it may
be held by the English Trustees.

A meeting of the Committee will
be held on an early day. I shall then
submit your letter to them and will
write you again on the subject.

I am sure that we shall all
deeply appreciate your kindness and the
warmth and noble disinterestedness of your
regard for Mr. Thompson, whose health, I am
sorry to say, continues to be precarious
and is never likely to be re-established.

Personally I am glad to be brought
into correspondence with one for whom I have
always cherished a great respect, and
with the kind regards of my wife,

Rev Saml May Jr I am Very faithfully yours,
F. W. Chesson



